

**NOW FOR THE FINISH.**  
A Very Lively Time Among the Female Bicyclists.  
**VON BLUMEN GAINS GROUND.**  
A Probable Checker Match Between Reed and Baker.

**Denny Bros. Resolve to Sell Some Valuable Horses.**

**GENERAL SPORTING NEWS OF THE DAY.**

Hattie Lewis' effort to defeat Elva von Blumen in the female bicycle race simply had hundreds of Pittsburghers wild with excitement last evening. Each day Miss Lewis' supporters show up in the Grand Central rink in increased numbers, and now it seems to hundreds who patronize the contest a struggle between the two riders is a matter of course. The excitement is not confined to the rink, however, but has spread to the streets, where the fans of the two riders are seen in the most enthusiastic manner. The race is expected to be a close one, and the fans are expected to be in the grand stand for the finish.

Now that the race is near a finish and Miss Lewis is still in front, she is being given encouragement to win. The fans are expected to be in the grand stand for the finish.

**MUST HAVE A FAIR SHOW.**  
There has been considerable "kicking" in her behalf. It has been claimed that her race has not been kept correctly. The management, however, has been very fair in its treatment of the race. The fans are expected to be in the grand stand for the finish.

It may interest the public to know that considerable betting has taken place on the result. Last evening particularly, numerous bets were made at even money that Miss Lewis beats Miss von Blumen. The betting was very lively, and the fans are expected to be in the grand stand for the finish.

**VON BLUMEN'S CHANCES.**  
During these short races, as they were, Miss von Blumen made the most of them, and steadily gained. As a result, about 9 o'clock she was leading, and the fans are expected to be in the grand stand for the finish.

At 8 o'clock the most desperate racing ever seen commenced. Miss von Blumen appeared on the track, and the fans are expected to be in the grand stand for the finish.

Whether or not Miss Lewis wins the race she has proven herself a great rider. She has made a fine showing, and the fans are expected to be in the grand stand for the finish.

**AN IMPORTANT SALE.**  
The Denny Bros. have resolved to dispose of with part of their valuable breeding stock which has made Morningside Farm famous throughout the State. The reason of this sale is that the stock is becoming too large for their establishment.

Among other horses to be sold is the 5-year-old stallion, "The Denny," who has won many races. The sale is expected to be a very successful one, and the fans are expected to be in the grand stand for the finish.

**Thinks Well of New York.**  
NEW YORK, January 4.—Denny Richardson, the clever little second name man of the New York Club, arrived in the city yesterday. He said that it was just possible that he would win a New York title before the season is over.

**Another for Barker.**  
LONDON, January 4.—In the dramatic contest of the day, one game was won by Barker and two games resulted in draws.

**Shooting Experiment.**  
PHILADELPHIA, January 4.—The novelty of shooting at pigeons by gun-lighting, was successfully demonstrated at the University of Pennsylvania last night by R. T. Clayton, of Lancaster, Pa., and J. H. Vandergift, of this city.

**Hamilton Likely to Disband.**  
HAMILTON, Ont., January 4.—It is quite certain that Hamilton will not be represented in the International League next season. The team has been sold to the New York Yankees.

**Wants to Wrestle.**  
A young man named Gus Hall has arrived in the city from New York. He is a catch-as-catch-can wrestler, and when in condition weighs about 150 pounds. He is a very strong man, and is expected to be in the grand stand for the finish.

**Hagan Defeats Conner.**  
PHILADELPHIA, January 4.—George Hagan and Jack Conner, middle-weight pugilists of this city, fought to a finish last night near Williamstown, Del. The fight was a severe one, and the fans are expected to be in the grand stand for the finish.

**Not Likely to Come.**  
A report is current to the effect that Peter Kemp is to visit America this year. This is very likely, as Kemp is a very famous wrestler, and is expected to be in the grand stand for the finish.

**FULLER NOW A BROWN.**  
St. Louis Strengthens Its Infield From the Washington's Extra Players.  
**WAGNER'S GREATEST**  
Rhinegold Presented for the First Time to an American Audience.  
**A MARVEL OF THE DRAMATIC ART.**  
Frequent Applause Attests the Appreciation of All Present.  
**THE STORY OF THE AUTHOR'S THEM.**  
Beautiful in Conception and Masterful in its Construction.

**WILL PLAY BARKER.**  
James Reed Expected to Match With the American Champion Shortly.

James Reed, the local checker player, has definitely resolved to locate in Chicago for at least 12 months. During a conversation yesterday he said that he was not at all sure that he would win, but he was determined to try.

"I must go to Chicago as soon as possible to take charge of the Checker Review. Mr. Reed said that he was not at all sure that he would win, but he was determined to try." The fans are expected to be in the grand stand for the finish.

Speaking of the international checker match now going on between Sullivan and Barker, Mr. Reed said: "Barker is a sure winner. He has won every match he has played. He is a very strong man, and is expected to be in the grand stand for the finish."

**HE IS NOT WORKING.**  
President Lincoln Thinks Reed Will Not Give Rowe His Release.

During a conversation yesterday afternoon with President Lincoln, the local checker player, he was asked about the checker match between Reed and Barker. He said that he was not at all sure that he would win, but he was determined to try.

"I believe Jack Rowe to be a sensible man, and that his common sense will prevent him from going contrary to any agreement with the National League. Of course I do not for a moment doubt that he will give White and Rowe their release, but I am not sure that he will give White and Rowe their release."

**KILRAIN AND SULLIVAN.**  
They Will Meet at Toronto Monday to Sign Articles for a Fight.

BUFFALO, January 4.—Kilrain and Mitchell gave a sparring exhibition here to night. They were very good, and the fans are expected to be in the grand stand for the finish.

**Trying to Sell Sentences.**  
COLUMBUS, O., January 4.—Manager Ted Sullivan, of the Washington club, is here trying to sell several of the Senators to the Association body. Just how many he will sell is doubtful, but there is a chance that Donnelly, third baseman, may be secured.

**Billiard Goals.**  
CHICAGO, January 4.—Eugene Carter, who, in company with Ives, left for Terre Haute to-day, said to me: "Steele won a game for me last night, when his angle was to be in the day game, and he was very good. He is a very strong man, and is expected to be in the grand stand for the finish."

**May Play in Chicago.**  
Ed Kelly, editor of the Winnipeg Free Press, has challenged W. Fleming, the Canadian champion, to a billiard match. The match is expected to be a very successful one, and the fans are expected to be in the grand stand for the finish.

**Cooking Meat at Johnston.**  
JOHNSTOWN, Pa., January 4.—A cooking match of four batties between Connaught and Johnston, and a cooking match of four batties between Connaught and Johnston, was held here to-day. The match was very successful, and the fans are expected to be in the grand stand for the finish.

**Breaks a Blood Vessel in a Wrestling.**  
INDIANAPOLIS, January 4.—Charles Cook, the Greco-Roman wrestler, undertook to throw Fritz Gownemann, a big local German, three times in succession within an hour. The German on the third bout caught Cook about the neck and broke a blood vessel, throwing him to the floor in a senseless condition.

**Duff Defeats Ross.**  
BOSTON, January 4.—H. M. Duff defeated Duncan C. Ross in a wrestling match of two hours' duration here to-day.

**Another for Barker.**  
LONDON, January 4.—In the dramatic contest of the day, one game was won by Barker and two games resulted in draws.

**Tom Lees says that he will soon see the performance of Peter Jackson, the conqueror of Joe Jackson, who has been in the grand stand for the finish.**

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**WOULD NOT DECLINE.**  
Lawyer Thurston is Not Hurling for a Cabinet Place, but He PROBABLY COULD BE PERSUADED.  
A Friend Calls Upon General Harrison to Urge His Claims.  
LARGE NUMBER OF OTHER VISITORS.

The Harrison Union Veterans Club Sends a Present and Address.

Yesterday was a busy day with President-elect Harrison. An unusually large number of visitors called. The claims of Thurston for a place in the Cabinet were urged by a friend. Southern Judges ask for an extra session of Congress. Pennsylvania presents a banner to the General.

INDIANAPOLIS, January 4.—General Harrison had an unusually large number of visitors to-day, and it was more of a society than political day at his house. Among the prominent callers were John A. Foster, Hon. Harrison Allen, ex-Governor of Indiana, and a number of other lesser notables.

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**LINCOLN'S LETTER.**  
To Queen Victoria, Resulting in the Frustration of Palmerston's Scheme for a Franco-British Alliance to Aid the Southern Secessionists.  
**NEEDS OF THE COLORED RACE.**  
The Catholic Convention Issues an Address on the Subject.

WASHINGTON, January 4.—General Pleasanton, who has traveled much in connection with military affairs, relates that shortly after the close of the war he met a member of the Parliament in London who told him of a personal letter addressed by President Lincoln to the Queen. When Mason and Seward had been captured Lord Palmerston was intruding for a Franco-British alliance with the South.

Mr. Lincoln, after grave thought over the possible storm which Palmerston's schemes might bring, determined to ignore the slow and uncertain diplomatic methods, and to write a personal letter direct to Queen Victoria. This he did, addressing her in very earnest terms, as a ruler, wife and mother, and speaking of himself as President, husband and father, both deeply interested in the welfare of her people, and both able to understand and sympathize with the horrors of war, between nations as closely allied as England and America. He then went on to speak briefly of the cause of the North, and to express regret that the taking of Mason and Seward from an English ship should have put in jeopardy the relations of the two nations. He closed by assuring the Queen that whatever disposition of the case might be in the light of his letter, regard as just and honorable, he would see that it was promptly accepted.

Queen Victoria, upon receiving the letter, submitted it to Prince Albert, who entered fully into the spirit of it, and advised the Queen to give it the fullest and most friendly consideration. Prince Albert further advised that Lord Palmerston, whose secret hostility to the North was well understood, should be made aware of the letter, and that it should be made known to the public. The English gentleman who related these facts insisted that the Queen's letter should be published, and that it should be made known to the public. The English gentleman who related these facts insisted that the Queen's letter should be published, and that it should be made known to the public.

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**THE PEOPLE'S STORE,**  
531 and 533 Wood St., Pittsburgh.

**GREAT REMOVAL SALE**  
SLAUGHTER PRICES IN CLOAK DEPARTMENT.

Our entire stock of Ladies', Misses' and Children's Cloaks subjected to another reduction. Biggest bargains you ever saw in any Cloak Department. Come and see for yourselves.

Plush Garments, 243 in stock this morning, Satin-Lined Plush Jackets, good quality, from \$10 up to \$18. Plush Wraps, nicely trimmed, 38 up to \$30. Plush Coats from \$15 to \$35. All these Plush Garments are just a trifle over half price. Compare them and see if they are bargains or not.

Ladies' Wraps in Cloth, Astrakhan, Silk, Brocade, Mattelasse, Etc., handsomely trimmed, some with fine quilted lining, all go at \$5, \$7.50 and \$10. These prices are less than half-splendid chances for elderly ladies.

840 Berlin Braided Garments for \$20; then \$10, \$14, \$10, \$7, \$5 and \$3.75 are our other prices for Long Garments. We have a pile at each price—some plain, some checked, some striped, some braided and some not—varying shapes and styles, some Ball Sleeve, Plain Sleeve and Angel Sleeve, but all at reductions that will make them go lively.

**Ladies' Jackets :- About 500 Left.**  
One Lot of the very finest Jackets are 88. One Lot of Jackets are 85. One Lot of Jackets are \$3.90. One Lot of Jackets are \$2.90. One Lot of Jackets are \$1.90. Many of these Jackets are less than half price and you only want to see them to buy.

CHILDREN'S GARMENTS—Just 247 left on hand, mostly in fine goods, all sizes from 2 to 18 years. We have gone over these again and put such prices on them as will make it pay you to buy them. Now is your time. Come and get the pick of these lots. Ladies' and Misses' Suits, new styles from our own workroom every day. This is the place to buy Suits if you want nice new styles and fresh goods at moderate prices.

**CAMPBELL & DICK.**

**NEEDS OF THE COLORED RACE.**  
The Catholic Convention Issues an Address on the Subject.

WASHINGTON, January 4.—During today's session of the Colored Catholic Convention, the Convention on Resolutions reported an address which was adopted unanimously. It reads, in part, as follows:

The education of the people being the means to elevate our race, we pledge ourselves to establish Catholic schools, primary and secondary, in all our communities. We appeal to the proprietors of saloons, taverns and houses of ill repute to discontinue their trade with the colored people, and to the owners of houses of ill repute to discontinue their trade with the colored people.

We appeal to all labor and trades unions to admit colored men on the same conditions as white men. We appeal to the proprietors of saloons, taverns and houses of ill repute to discontinue their trade with the colored people, and to the owners of houses of ill repute to discontinue their trade with the colored people.

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